

2017 13U/14U Tournament Team Guidelines

(BYBA board reserves the right to make changes to the Guidelines)

Registration for tournament teams will begin **January 16th** and close the end of **March 19th**. Late registration WILL NOT be allowed unless numbers allow for it (in which registration will remain open for an additional 10 days).

A player's age, based on born on or after May 1st, determines his/her eligibility to participate in many tournaments and which team he/she may try out for. BYBA reserves the right to move players if necessary.

A birth certificate must be made available to the respective coach. If the player is a nonresident of Byron but attends ISD 531 and the tournament team for which the player is on chooses to play in a State Qualifier or State Tournament, the player must submit proof of being an ISD 531 student in addition to a birth certificate.

Players WILL be allowed to move up a level to play with classmates.

Players WILL NOT be moved up more than one age group.

BYBA will determine Head coach through an interview process. Assistant coaches will be selected by the Head Coach (with BYBA approval) after the evaluations are complete.

Players will be required to play and be in good standing with the Babe Ruth League in Byron. E.g., must attend games and practices on a regular basis. Lack of doing so may result in suspension from the BYBA Tournament Team.

Byron school baseball will be priority when seasons overlap. Players may be dismissed from Babe Ruth games to play for the BYBA tournament team only after special permission has been granted by the Babe Ruth coach or director.

Evaluations will be held (**date TBD**) unless numbers are below 12

If player numbers are between 10(min) and 12(max) – all participants make the team

If player numbers are 13 or more, evaluations will dictate the top 10. The last (2) placements will be Head Coach choice selections. The remaining players will not be selected for the team.

Evaluators will rate participants and determine Top 10. The Head Coach will need to be present to observe for their (2) coach selections. Evaluations are NOT open to the general public. Players may NOT wear any gear that identifies them with any

traveling/tournament team. Evaluations are intended to be held outside; however, weather will dictate that.

If parents are interested in having their child participate on a tournament team, they will need to pay the tournament team fee (\$185). A full refund will be granted if their child is not selected.

Player uniform will consist of a team jersey (\$60), hat (BYBA provided), white pants w/black piping, black belt, black spikes, and black helmet.

The team will be a Tournament team only, no league play.

The team will participate in as many tournaments as the budget allows (3-5).

If team qualifies for a State Tournament, BYBA will pay for the entry (not including gate fee) of 1 State Tournament.

Team will not be allowed to seek extra funding once budget is expired. E.g., Ask parents for additional money or solicit sponsorship without full disclosure with the BYBA Board.

Teams will have practice throughout the season, but not to conflict with Babe Ruth or school baseball.

The tournament teams are based on ability and playing time will be granted accordingly. The coach may choose to reduce player's time if they are not regularly attending team events or for disciplinary reason. Please realize this may be your player's first experience with high school rules. Free substitution may no longer be in effect. This makes the coaches ability to get everyone adequate playing much more difficult!